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THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair Jay Scott Emler Pat Apple

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In the matter of the failure of Michael Wayne Hall ("Operator") to report activity that occurred during the 2013 calendar year in compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-409. Docket No.: 15-CONS-550-CPEN

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 8226

ORDER RESCINDING PENALTY

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State

of Kansas. Having examined the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the

Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On January 15, 2015, the Commission issued a penalty order against the Operator.

The Penalty Order found one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-409 and assessed a \$100 penalty.

- 2. On February 9, 2015, the Operator timely submitted its appeal.
- 3. On February 19, 2015, the Commission issued its Order Designating Prehearing

Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference.

- 4. The prehearing conference was held and attended by all parties.
- 5. On March 18, 2015, Staff filed a Motion to Rescind Penalty. The Motion stated

that the Operator's responsibility for the well was denied by the Operator, and that the most efficient use of resources would be to rescind this penalty and perform a separate investigation into responsibility for the well, hopefully without the need for formal proceedings.

6. The Commission finds and concludes that the Penalty Order should be rescinded.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. The penalty order in this docket is hereby rescinded.
- B. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the

purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: MAR 3 1 2015

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Neysa Thomas Acting Secretary

Mailed Date: _____March 31, 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 33115, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Michael Wayne Hall 260 Fox Road Toronto, KS 66777-3266

And delivered by hand to:

Jon Myers, Rene Stucky KCC Central Office

<u>/s/ Lane R. Palmateer</u> Lane R. Palmateer Litigation Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission